

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

M.D., by her next friend, Sarah R.  
Stukenberg, *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

GREG ABBOTT, in his official capacity  
as Governor of the State of Texas, *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 2:11-CV-00084

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**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND  
DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY-IN-CHARGE**

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Defendants Governor Greg Abbott, Stephanie Muth, and Cecile Erwin Young hereby advise the Court that Allyson N. Ho has been assigned to appear as Attorney-in-Charge in this case on behalf of all Defendants. Mrs. Ho is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Her designation as Attorney-in-Charge will not result in any delays in the case.

Additionally, Prerak Shah, Savannah Silver, and Kimberly Gdula are appearing as counsel for Defendants. Each of them is admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas. Kara Holsinger, Karl Neudorfer, Clayton Watkins, Reynolds Brissenden, Noah Reinstein, Robert Salmon, and Leif Olson have already appeared in this matter on behalf of Defendants and shall continue in that representation.

Defendants further advise the Court that the perceived conflict that required Defendants to obtain separate counsel in April 2021 has been resolved and that, pursuant to the filing of this Notice, Defendants shall be represented jointly by the undersigned counsel.

Specifically, the perceived conflict arose when certain licenses held by DFPS were the subject of action by HHSC. The issues giving rise to those actions have been resolved, and DFPS is taking steps to divest itself of those licenses so that no similar future issues are likely to arise. All Defendants have executed conflict waivers in accordance with Rule 1.06 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Defendants respectfully request that the undersigned counsel be served with all future correspondence and pleadings.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 11, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the electronic case filing system with the Court which automatically provided notice to all attorneys of record.

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